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The Honorable Anne K. Quinlan, Esq.
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CN Railway Company/EJ&E, STB Finance Docket No. 35087

Dear Secretary Quinlan:

CN has proposed a plan to help reduce the railway congestion that negatively affected many residents in the south suburbs. What CN hopes to do is acquire part of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway and then move many freight train routes to the outer reaches of the Chicago metro area.

I am very bothered by the constant delays caused by freight trains. On my way to the hospital in Maywood, I have had to wait for stopped trains at the 1st Avenue railroad crossing. Similarly, I have also noticed how ambulances and other first responders have a hard time passing through this area en route to emergencies. This is a serious safety issue with potentially dangerous consequences.

This is obviously an issue that we should all be concerned about. CN has the most realistic means for beginning to fix a lot of these problems and their plan should be approved. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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